

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION March 12, 2015

Hatton Hall at the Governor Benjamin B. Moeur House Campus
34 E. 7th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281
6:00 PM

Commission Present:

Andrea Gregory, Chair
Scott Solliday, Vice Chair
Ira Bennett
Chuck Buss
Anne Bilsbarrow
Korri Turner

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Tempe History Museum
Hansen, Project Management Coordinator
Billy Kiser, Graduate Intern
John Larsen Southard, Historic Preservation Officer
Mark Vinson, FAIA, City Architect

Commission Absent:

Charlie Lee
Lauren Proper
Brenda Shears

Public Present:

Alyssa Gerszewski
Joe Nucci

Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. Call to Audience:

- No Reply

2. Approval of February 12, 2015 Historic Preservation Commission minutes

Commissioner Turner moved the Commission approve the February 12th, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Solliday and passed with a vote of 6-0.

3. Discuss and Consider Tempe Butte Water Tank Reroofing and Spoil Removal Projects

- Southard overview of meetings with Tempe Public Works to discuss reroofing tanks and spoil removal on Tempe Butte and eventually Bell Butte.
- Discussion of Tempe Butte's cultural significance to local tribes; Southard will discuss with Shane Anton of SRPMIC.
- Method of spoil removal unknown; HPO will seek information on this
- Chair Gregory: will additional access roads be built for the project? HPO: No new roads will be built on Tempe Butte for this project.
- Public Works has demonstrated a commitment to leaving the smallest footprint possible during project
- Water tanks are unique in design and difficult to repair; east tank will be reroofed after west tank is drained, inspected, repaired (if necessary), and refilled.
- Replacement roofing will not alter appearance of the tanks.

4. Archaeologically Sensitive Classification Subcommittee Update

- Archaeologically Sensitive Classification Subcommittee met prior to HPC meeting and determined that the following recommendations would be made:
 - HPO should subscribe to AZSITE and request access to shape files for Tempe's archaeologically sensitive areas
 - AZSITE data should be incorporated into Tempe's permitting system
 - HPO should draft a handout on archaeological sensitivity to be given to customers at the front desk when seeking permits for projects on AS-classified land
 - HPO should consult with the City of Phoenix on its recently-amended city policies regarding archaeological sensitivity

5. Discussion and Possible Direction on Historic Preservation Ordinance Revisions

- Southard: Ordinance revisions likely not being imminent, but there appears to be support for an in-depth process of revising and incorporating community feedback, per recent City of Phoenix model.
- HPO will explore funding opportunities to develop a plan to use as a basis for potential ordinance revisions to be made by Mayor and Council for approval
- Vinson: Phoenix just went through a similar process; Tempe is currently revising its municipal arts plan, which could also provide guidance on procedural aspects of revision.
- Gregory: HP element of GP2040 has content to borrow from when making revisions
- Southard: Character Area planning process can dovetail with HP ordinance revisions; Hansen is currently overseeing Character Areas 4 and 5 (Apache and Central City).
- Character Area meetings will likely yield feedback on Tempe's historic preservation successes and opportunities
- Hansen: HPC members can participate in Character Area community meetings; the first workshop is on April 18th at the Tempe Public Library
- Hansen: Overview of Character Area workshops and incorporation of historic preservation into Character Area planning.
- Commissioner Bennett moved to formally register strong HPC support of seeking widespread community involvement in the drafting of an historic preservation plan to be used as the basis of any future HP ordinance revisions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilsbarrow and passed with a vote of 6-0.

6. Intern Work Updates

- Southard: Holly Solis is working on the local register nomination for the 1938 Lindstrom [Nucci] House located at 1220 South Maple Avenue.
- Kiser: Currently conducting newspaper research on C. T. Hayden House (Monti's La Casa Vieja) construction history.

7. Chair / Staff Updates

- HPO: Preliminary eligibility determination for 1220 South Maple Avenue will be included in the April packet.
- HPO: Five Indian gaming grant proposals have been submitted and are awaiting council approval. The grants are as follows: \$5,000 for CRM Training; \$10,000 for Archaeological Monitoring Education and access to AZSite; \$5,000 for Papago Park Gateway improvements; \$20,000 for Survey & Inventory of 1958-1975 Tempe residential properties; \$30,000 for continuation of Graduate Student Intern Program, with anticipation of SHPO funding a partial match for the final item.
- HPO: Certificate of No Effect issued for Eisendrath House, as proposed elevator changes are minor and will not be of adverse impact.

- Vinson: New contractor has begun work on Eisendrath House; a November grand opening is anticipated.
- HPO: Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation issued letter of support for Tempe NRNs slated for eligibility consideration (Tomlinson Estates and Date Palm Manor)
- HPO: Site Steward Program: additional discussion needed between HPO, Tempe History Museum, and other City staff. Loma del Rio and Tempe Butte are monitored periodically through a steward program that AZ State Parks oversees.
- HPO: Tempe Walk-Through History scheduled for March 21st
- HPO: Tempe HPO Facebook page reactivated
- HPO: HP Conference registration fee CLG grants approved for three Commissioners and HPO staff

8. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

- Member Announcements
- Staff Announcements
- No reply

Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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Reviewed by: John Larsen Southard, Senior Planner / Historic Preservation Officer


Andrea Gregory, Chair
